

NO. XIV.

March 26—About three o'clock in the morning, as we were hearing Gebel Abbofayda, it came on to blow violently from the west, and we got jammed helplessly in a sandy shore a few miles below Manfalout. In the morning the two dahabieh (Mr. R. being in company) were moved down a little to a more suitable place for laying up, but as the wind blew strong the whole day we could not resume our voyage. The neighbourhood did not look very promising for explorations, but we had no other resource. First, we climbed up the steep face of Abbofayda and looked into a number of grottoes and caverns, but found nothing. Wilkinson says, "the difference between the low and high Nile in this part of Egypt, is twenty-one feet three inches, judging from the highest mark made by the water on the cliffs of Gebel Abbofayda, which rise abruptly from the river." After breakfast, we set out to find some caverns full of mummied crocodiles, which we understood were somewhere in the neighbourhood. We walked about three miles E.N.E. along the foot of the range to which we came to the ruins of a big temple village, and then descended to a small one. We had to wait nearly an hour till the guide could be procured from Maashbeh, a small village about a mile farther on. There were many grottoes cut in the rock behind the ruins, but nothing in them; and there was a convent perched up in the face of the cliff, nestling under the beetling crags in a most extraordinary way. The only sign of life about it was a rope dangling from a small window near the top. Young K. climbed up by this rope, and soon returned in a great hurry, reporting that he had heard voices in the

pointed at Tel el-Armana we determined to make an attempt on the grottoes of El Bersheh or Dair el Nakhli, which were now our approach. In this we were more successful, but it turned out to be a disappointing venture. In the first place we could get no certain information from the people of the two dahiabieh as to the locality of the above-named villages. On coming opposite to where they were said to be we landed with Mr. K.'s dragoman to make inquiries. We then found that El Bersheh was still north of us, and a small village further north, at some distance from the river, called Dair el Bersheh by the natives, seemed to us to correspond to the Dair el Nakhli of the Handbook. We pulled down the river in the felookah about two miles, and landed to inquire afresh. The position of the last named village was then distinctly pointed out in a grove of palms about two miles from the river. We could also make out from the bearings given by Wilkinson the position of the grottoes in the mountains behind the village, about a mile farther away. Indeed, if we had attended more to the bearings and less to the opinions of our crew, we need have been in no difficulty, for, might we have hoped to find the grottoes of el Hermonoth below W. six degrees N., then landed and kept the same bearing straight to the grottoes. We walked two miles through cultivated land, then picked up a guide at the village, and after another mile over sand and gravel we ascended the mountain by what had once been a causeway of limestone boulder. The sun was just setting when we reached the top, and the view over the plain was magnificent, but we could not spare time to enjoy it. After a cursory view of the grottoes with the

March 29.—Wind changed again to northerly, and the thermometer fell ten degrees. A fleet of nearly twenty sail passed us running up with the fair wind,—a very pretty sight. We passed Beniaseef at three p.m. Next morning we found ourselves off Rigra, fifty miles from Cairo. In the afternoon two of the pyramids of Dashoor came suddenly into view, producing upon us something of the effect of land after a long voyage.

SUDDEN CHANGES OF TEMPERATURE—Since Saturday last, an extraordinary change has taken place in the weather. On Friday morning, the wind was from the north-west, and it continued to blow a gale during the greater part of the day, with indications of rain. About sundown the clouds rapidly accumulated, and a thunder-storm burst forth, succeeded by a heavy driving rain, which continued the greater part of the night. Throughout Monday it rained more or less, and the cold was intense, the changes of temperature being very remarkable. On Tuesday morning, the wind shifted to the south-west, and a fog lay along the day from 50 degrees to below zero, or freezing point. The rain ceased between 7 and 8 a. m. yesterday morning, but the weather is still very cold and unsettled.—*Butcher Post Press.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Clones 8, 9, and 10 were agreed to. On clones 11 being put, the PRESIDENT said he was not prepared to give out his consent in its present shape. He would point out to the commission, however, that there was creating a most tribunal with enormous powers. The matter was a most serious one, and although he should not himself intervene, the Chairman report progress, he thought time should be taken to consider the matter more fully.

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock, until 4 p.m. on Wednesday next.

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to-day that instead of raising the duty on
6c per gallon, it was to be fixed at 8c., and that

Q This statement could have had no other desire than to
deceive the House. This showed how little reliance was
placed upon any statement made by that hon. gentleman.
A There is another statement made by that hon. gentleman
which has complained of the *Sydney Morning Herald* for
having accused the late Government of making
a bargain with the public money. Now he had looked to this
statement to, for as the statement had come from
him, he thought it would be correct. He thought it
correct. The passage in the *Herald* was not
would believe for a moment that the money had been
doctored or misapplied. And yet the hon. gentleman
said that this paper had accused the late Government
of falsification. [Mr. ROBERTSON: I never said
so. I said that the *Herald* had accused the late
Government. He was reported in his paper as saying so.
ROBERTSON: I accused the hon. member as saying so.

traffic would clear the working expenses, and pay an interest on the outlay.

Everyone acquainted with the geography of the Riverine district, and with the present direction of its commerce, knows that Victoria and South Australia are taking, and will increasingly continue to take, the lion's share of a profitable pastoral commerce arising out of the western half of our territory. But if the Western railway were extended from Bahurst to Forbes and Cundahlin, and thence on to Menindee, it would draw down to Sydney everything north of that line, and would draw trade even from the southern western part of Queensland; and if another line, branching off from the Great Southern line at Wagga Wagga, was taken westward to Wentworth, it would also draw to Sydney all or nearly all the trade done the Lower Darling. The district lying south of the Murrumbidgee might still partly trade with Melbourne, though not wholly so. At any rate, we should secure four fifths of the trade of the river, and, completely with no very unequal sharing, for the remainder. With such an iron communications system as shall pass very nearly the whole, and probably lose the province altogether to The Riverine settlers according to Mr GIBBERT LANG, who speaks with authority as the president of his Association, are willing to become responsible for the cost of the indicated railways within their district, and even, probably for a third time in the Lachlan to Fort Bourke. If every district in the country would offer to take its own works in the same way, we should no longer have a financial crisis. We had some revenue for the great statesmanship of the late MINISTER FOR LANDS, we incline to think that those who make such an offer at the present juncture of affairs deserve a better fate than to be insulted and rebuffed.

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]
YASS.
Thursday, 23rd p.m.
A STATIONER of travellers was struck up yesterday by a horse-drawn dray, containing three persons. Two came aboard from Messrs DAVIS, Alexander and Co., of Goulburn, were almost stuck up. From one of the passengers the bushrangers got £15.
A stationer was called up again seven in the morning. This time he was accompanied by a couple of men travelling from Burra, were robbed of everything they possessed while sitting.
One of the bushrangers (about a policeman's jacket) they do not wish to identify.
The police have been out all night in search of the bushrangers.

YOUNG.
Thursday, 9 a.m.
A man named Coffey, who was struck up by Gilliver and Hall lately, near Burrows, was yesterday arrested and charged with endeavouring to pass on to the roads of the Keighlyt ransom.
Three mounted constables were struck up and robbed several people, yesterday, between Binalong and Boaning.
During all this week the weather has been cold and windy here, and peo ple have had fads the same as in Yass.
Business is almost at a stand-still.

MELBOURNE.
Thursday, 7.30 p.m.
The Excorts have brought down 60,000 wares. The flood is showing no signs of subsiding in the Yarra Yarra. Sandridge, Emerald Hill, and St. Kilda are still separated from Melbourne, except by boats for a long time through Richmond. Many articles of furniture have been taken out of the streets, and two wooden houses have floated down to water. The lower parts of Richmond are still under water.
The Commissioner of Customs has opened the Immigration Office for the reception of poor families who have become homeless by the floods.
Sentence on the Provost Institute directors is deferred until next sessions. Bail was taken for them.
The wool sales did not go off with the animation expected. Of 6400 bales catalogued, 1100 only were placed. All the choice clips were bought in. Greasy wool sold at 8d. to 13d.; fleece, 16d to 19sd.; scourd 22sd.

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VIOLENCY AND DESTRUCTIVE FORCE.—The Russell family at Sydney have been severely punished through the storm—and the very spirit of it has been—as we as visitation. I think were I to term it a typhoon, such as are experienced in the Chinese sea, I should not exaggerate; though they say "the wind was from the south-east so all day" (the atmosphere excessively oppressive), what, about eight o'clock the wind broke forth upon us in chambers or rather the most violent gusts of rain fell thickly upon them, breaking the most severe and frequent I have ever seen, together with torrents of rain. It was thus that the devastator commenced his work by laying a tribute on "all our goods," which he afterwards carried off to the chamber of the cottage, of which the following details will give you some idea. Mr Coburn's store was partly unroofed. The roof of Mrs Begg's house was nearly blown down &c., and several persons were killed. One unfortunate man—a minute previously an infant had been removed from a bed in which it slumbered, when the ebb side of the building was struck—the woman who held him being lately occupied by the electric impulse. But Mr Nichols had his house entirely demolished, and his furniture smashed, leaving him nothing but an outside berth. Mr Harper's brick-work walling destroyed, the windows broken, and the whole property left in ruins. Mr Newland has lost great numbers of one of his cottages being entirely demolished, part of a new stack of hay carried away, also the loss of the new wing of his residence, striped by the same violence. In the morning the wind has lulled a complete cessant-way through the bush for a mile or more. These are but a few of the consequences. I thought I may find hearten of some kind of humane life to show the power of God over nature in the midst of the tempest here. I may mention that the look-up prisoners could, weighing between four and five cwt., and unable to move, lie motionless under the weight of their old men literally being blown down the road like a shavings, calling lustily for help, when it was damaged and abandoned by Mr Russell, watchmaker. But little damage done to the rest of the town except the destruction of the

NEW WELSHMAN CHURCH.—This edifice is now approaching completion. The interior of the building is fitted up completely with stones raised from the Government wharf, sufficient in number to accommodate 600 worshippers. On the pulpit and communion rail the artist has lavished his artistic skill & efforts in adornment, all being in Gothic style, and the woodwork is finished in the appearance of oak in strict keeping with the balusters and banister of the pulpit itself, which are also of open carving, and together with the pulpits afford an excellent specimen of elegant and graceful art. The floor is made of stone, and the monumentary is very beautiful, and offers a convincing proof of the adaptability of colonial cedar for ornamental purposes—the colours being beautifully brought out by the action of fire. As regards the appearance and character as in woods of the hardest grain. The roof, which is an original pattern, is gothic in style, and agrees well with the general effect of the architecture, and is manufactured by Moorhouse, one of the best makers of stained glass, and are in strict keeping with the general style of the building. The tower of the church contains many fine pleasing and handsome ornaments, reflecting great credit on the designer, and also on Mr Hiphinton, who has executed the whole of the internal fittings.—*Newcastle Telegraph.*

MERCANTILE AND MONEY MARKET.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The amount of Customs duties paid to-day is as follows:—

Branffy	£896 13 3
Gin, wine, cordials, crumpleware ..	" 154 4 1
Coffee	" 7 10 0
Whisky	" 13 10 0
Horn	" 116 10 0
Sugar	" 121 10 0
Tobacco and snuff	" 132 9 2
Fruit	" 11 10 0
Coffee and chicory	" 45 10 0
Rubber, untanned	" 26 0 0
Total	£1601 11 0

Telegrams from Melbourne, yesterday, reported that nearly 3000 tons of salt were destroyed by the floods. One house in Sydney was burning up largely to day—in the morning £3 12s. 6d., and afternoon at £3 15s. per ton.

The several produce auctioneers held their sales to-day at Lyons-buildings. The room was crowded with buyers, and the competition was brisk. It was announced by the auctioneer that they would not insist on the strict interpretation of one of their conditions of sale with regard to payment on delivery, but would act, as heretofore, according to their discretion. The decision of the auctioneers appeared to give universal satisfaction to the buyers, and the sales to-day, on the new plan, were a perfect success, the whole of the lots having been got through in much less time than according to the usual practice. This may be considered as the first large sale by auction of this season's clip, and the prices obtained were rather higher than those ruling lately, but they still show a decline on last year's rates of 1d. to 1½d. per lb. The following is the result of the sales:

At Messrs. Mort's produce sale, held to-day, 7773 bales of wool were catalogued, of which about 500 were sold. The following are the principal lots: 12 bales grease, AMF, at 9d.; 11 bales, RxF, 8½d.; 22 bales, HC, 10d.; 20 bales fleece, Sths, 17½d.; 11 bales, TROW, 19½d.; 20 bales, Stths, 17d.; 15 bales, G&V J.W., 16½d.; 13 bales fleece, R in diamond, 20½d.; 76 bales, Illunio, 20½d.; 23 bales, Higgins, 19½d.; 20 bales, J.H., 19½d.; 26 bales, St.O., 19½d.; 43 bales, J.C., 18½d. The prices realised for the lots sold ranged thus:—Fleece, 17½d. to 20½d.; grease, 8½d. to 11¼d.; handwashed, 17½d.; secured, 14½d. to 22d.; mixed, 9½d. to 16½d.; New Zealand, 15½d. to 17½d.

SHEEPSKINS were firm, and about 2000 were quoted, at from 6½d. to 7½d.

At Mr O.P. Ebsworth's produce sale, held to-day, 6 bales of wool were catalogued, and 26 bales sold. The only lots worthy of remark were 11 bales grease, CUM, at 8½d., and 16 bales, MO, at 6½d. respectively, as follows:—Fleece, 1 s. 5d.; hatched, 10d. to 11½d.; secured, 1 s. 6d.; grease, 6½d. to 8½d. Several lots of sheepskins were also disposed of, at from addg to 8d. per lb.; pelts 2¾d. per lb.

Messrs. Durham and Irwin held their weekly sale of wool and sheepskin, at the Auction Rooms, Lyons-buildings, this day. The catalogue comprised 500 bales wool and about 2000 skins. The sale went off well, and the prices obtained ranged thus:—Wool: Fleece, 17½d. to 18½d.; grease, 7d. to 12½d. Sheepskins at from 4½d. to 7½d. per lb.

Messrs. W. Dean and Co. report having sold privately the whole of the ORMA clip of fleeces wool, consisting of 100 bales, at 1s. 8d. per lb.

Messrs. Richardson and Wrench hold their produce sale to-day. 88 bales of wool were catalogued, of which 88 bales, with the exception of three bales, were sold. The principal lots were 21 bales fleece, marked C, at 17½d.; 21 bales grease, SPD, at 7½d.; nine bales scoured, WO in diamond, at 22½d. Prices ranged thus: Fleece, 17½d. to 17½d.; grease, 7d. to 9d.; secured, 18d. to 22½d.; locks, 7½d. to 8d.; mixed, 13d. to 16½d.

Mr W. Dean held to-day a very important sale of sugars, groceries, &c. The sale was well attended. For sugars the competition was spirited, and about 2000 bags were placed, at an advance of £3 to £3 10s. per ton.

Mr K. Forbes reports having sold Mr T. H. Sindens' cattle stores for all cash on delivery. This sale, contingent on the muster, is believed will amount to about £10,000. The runs are those advertised for sale by him by auction on the 6th January next. They are No. 2, Broken Plains, Carnell No. 1, Carrell No. 2, Maribayga or Warren Waterhole, and Buckle, or Bokor No. 2, situated in the Bligh district, in the colony of New South Wales. All stock horses, stores, drays, &c., to be taken, at a valuation.

Messrs. Richardson and Wrench will offer, tomorrow, by auction, on account of the Government, the wharfed due receivable at the Port Phillip District Office.

At the Railway Depot, **THIS DAY**, the 18th
at 11 o'clock.

THOMAS DAWSON will sell by auction
as above,
1 ton very prime cheese from

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THIS DAY, Friday, 18th instant, at his depot
at 1 o'clock
100 bids, casks of tallow, and a large quantity of
shank bones, &c.

Produce Sale, Railway Auction Dept.

THOMAS DAWSON will sell by auction
on FRIDAY, 19th inst., at 1 o'clock, at his depot
at the above Depot, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock,
Calves, pigs, poultry, butter, hog and sheep
fat, eggs, chickens, fruit, vegetable, birds, also
all kinds of colonial produce, in store for
purchasers.

N.B.—The sales in Christmas week will be held
WEDNESDAY, for live stock, and THURSDAY
dead produce.

Fat Wethers. Fat Wethers.
At the Homebush Sales Yards.

THOMAS DAWSON has received instructions from Messrs. West, Brothers, to sell at auction, as above,
1100 prime fat wethers, in lots

N B — These sheep have been fattened on the best lush country in the neighbourhood of the Lakes, and are reported to be very prime.

Cows, Heifers, and Springers
At the Homestead Sale Yards, on SATURDAY next,
instant, at 12 o'clock sharp.

THOMAS DAWSON has received instructions from Mr. John Hughes to sell by public auction, on above,
30 head of dairy cattle, consisting of, all (black and white), heifers, and springers, all hand-reared. These cattle are fresh from the hills.

R. THOMAS DAWSON has received

The above cattle have been selected and kept for Christmas, and are really very prime.

EDWARD FLOOR
Important Clearing-out and Unreserved Sale
At Campbellfield, near Campbelltown.
On **TUESDAY**, 22nd December next, at 11 o'clock

THOMAS DAWSON has received instructions from Mrs. Du Ross, who is leaving farm, to sell by auction, as above,
80 tons very prime hay, in 4 stacks
200 bushels of seed oats
100 head of dairy and other cattle, consisting of 80 c

in full milk; 50 springing heifers and 30
heifers and steers, all milkers, calves
10 horses, broken and unbroken
100 ewes, pigs, poultry, ploughs, barrows, rollers,
spring-cart, scorable, 2 sets gig harness, harness
dairy utensils, house hold furniture, &c.
Terms, cash. No reserve.

Luncheon provided. Arrangements will be made for the 6.30 and 9 a.m. trains from Sydney to stop at L'avis' Place, within half an hour of the homestead, to set down intending purchasers; and 4 p.m. train from Picton will also stop to enable purchasers to return.

WOOL SALES.—The undersigned beg
 notify to the public that, for the benefit
 all parties interested, their sales of wool, sheepskins,
 cotton, for the future, will be held at the Auction Ro-
 Lyons-buildings, on **THURSDAY AFTERNOON**
 each week. Sales of **HIDES, TALLOW, &c.**

FRIDAY as usual. D^RUHAM and IRW^{ELL} LEXAN
by auction
THIS DAY
Sold as
fancy rim
fancy rim

MESSERS. DURHAM and IRWIN
sell by auction, at their Produce Stores,
Cular Quay, at 12 o'clock precisely,
30 casks tallow
2'00 hides
Leather
Horns.

Horns
 Shank bones
 Hair
 Mutton hams
 Feet
 Mess beef, &c., &c.
 Terms, cash.

Weekly Produce Sale.
MORT and CO. will sell by public auction
 at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay
THIS DAY, Friday, 18th December, at half-past
 o'clock a.m.,

30 casks tallow
738 hides.

Terms, cash

POSITIVE SALE.

By Order of the Mortgagee.

KEMBLE COTTAGE and Garden, a very neat residence situated at the **CORNER of WEMYSS and HARRINGTON-STREETS, MARSDENVILLE,** between Enmore and Stanmore.

Title, unquestionable. For particulars apply to J. O. DAWSON, Esq., solicitor, Pitt-street, Sydney.
 Terms at sale.
 MORT and CO. have been instructed

That choice villa residence, known as **KEMBLE COTTAGE**, situate at **MARSDENVILLE NEWTOWN**. **KEMBLE COTTAGE** is a very neat residence, built

brick on stone foundations, with slated roof. It covers a verandah on three sides, entrance hall, drawing and dining rooms, three bedrooms, kitchen, and servants' rooms and other out-offices. Also, a stable built of weathered stone. The rooms are lofty, and most of them have fireplaces. The woodwork is of teak, and the floors are of teak. The ceilings are of plaster, with neat cornicing finished in good style and good order throughout. In front there is a very good

garden, and the whole of the land is substantially **watered** on three sides by paling fence, and on the fourth side by a neat palisade fence. There is a **CAPITAL WELL** affording an **ABUNDANT SUPPLY** of **WATER** in the driest times, the roof of the cottage being fitted with spouts and down pipes leading into the well.

CHOICE VILLA RESIDENCE

in an elevated situation, commanding
AN EXTENSIVE AND PRETTY VIEW.
all in good order, well and faithfully built, and within
EASY ACCESS OF THE CITY,
whether by rail or omnibus.

. Cards to view between the hours of 11 a.m. -

p.m. daily, to be had at the Rooms of MORT and Pitt-street.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

MAGNIFICENT PASTORAL and AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY. Including the well known *Estates*

PUEN BURN, RED BAKE, RIPLEY, OFF
TOOLOOGAN, and MOUNTAIN VALE, all
near SCONE, on the Upper Hunter; together
4500 head, more or less, CATTLE.
Terms at sale.

MORT and CO. have received instructions from the proprietor to sell by public auction at an early date, due notice of which will be given. These well known choice and highly improved properties

of the Hon. JOHN ROBERTSON, Esq.
PUEN BURN, RED BANK, RIPLEY, UPPER
TOOLOOGAN, and MOUNTAIN VALE,
situate near Dartbrook, and comprising
11,500 ACRES FREEHOLD LAND,
11,500 ACRES FREE-EMPTIVE and AUSTIN

The above enumerated properties comprise the whole of the estates of Mr. Robertson in the Upper House.

EXCISEMAN YARRUNDI.

Further particulars may be learned by applying to Messrs. YARRUNDI & CO., 10, Market Street, Sydney.

. A small portion of this very valuable estate is sub-
 into farms on improving leases, and is now yielding a re-
 of £550 per annum.
